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Upcoming Events

[April 3-5 Governor's Public Health Conference, Wichita](#)
Annual Conference hosted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, many local health departments attend

[April 10-11 Grant Writing workshop, Hutchinson](#)
Sponsored by the State Office of Rural Health for Primary Care grantees and Rural Health Centers. Space is limited to 50 participants

[April 14 SafeKids Day at Topeka Zoo](#)
Hosted by SafeKids Kansas

[April 21 State Park Earth Day Clean-up events, various locations](#)
Hosted by the Bureau of Waste Management

KDHE Achieves National Accreditation

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) this past November, after a grueling two-year application and examination. The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation's state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments.

- **PHAB is a non-profit organization that administers the national public health accreditation program.**
- **KDHE is one of fewer than 200 health departments out of nearly 3,000 that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011.**
- **Hundreds of health departments across the country are preparing to seek accreditation through PHAB**

The national accreditation program, jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of quality standards and measures.

Dozens of our staff worked tirelessly on our application and dedicated hundreds of hours to bringing our department's practices and policies up to PHAB's standards.

Our accreditation brings a refreshed energy to continue these efforts of incorporating best practices and achieving an even higher quality of work with every passing year. We will reapply for accreditation in 5 years.



KDHE Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Greg Lakin, will host an **Opioid Task Force Meeting** on April 19th from 1-4 p.m. at the Kansas Health Institute. The Task Force will review and discuss the Kansas Prescription Drug and Opiate Advisory Committee recommendations.

View all of the **KDHE Legislative Updates** online at:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/administration/index.html>

KDHE Holds Legislative Lunch

On March 20th, over 40 Senators and Representatives attended the KDHE Legislative Lunch at the Curtis State Office Building. They met Secretary Jeff Andersen, spoke with KDHE Bureau Directors, and got a better idea of many ways KDHE serves Kansans.



KDHE Secretary Jeff Andersen and Rep. Greg Lewis



Rep. Jim Kelly, Rep. Adam Smith and Rep. Tom Sawyer



Senator Dan Goddard



KDHE Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Greg Lakin and Rep. John Barker



Rep. Dr. John Eplee and Rep. Richard Proehl

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